

Service Date: February 5, 1981

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER of the Application)	
of the BELLE CREEK GAS COOPERATIVE)	UTILITY DIVISION
ASSOCIATION For An Order Authorizing))	DOCKET NO. 80.12.103
An Increase In Rates For Natural)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 4743
Gas Service.)	
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On December 2, 1980, the BELLE CREEK GAS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order to authorize an increase in rates for natural gas service to defray the increased cost of purchased gas.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was sent to each customer of Applicant on December 16, 1980. The Notice stated that if no requests for public hearing were received by January 27, 1981, the Commission would consider the matter and a default order would be issued.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction, granted by Section

63-13-101, MCA, over the matters in this Docket.

2. The Rates approved herein are reasonable, just and proper.

ORDER

The following rates are authorized:

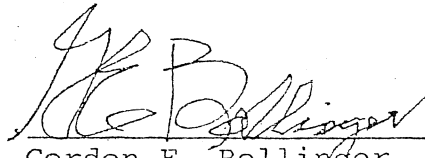
Metered gas will be sold to consumers in Belle Creek Oil Field at the rate of	\$ 2.50 per MCF
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Minimum charge per unit, per month	\$15.00
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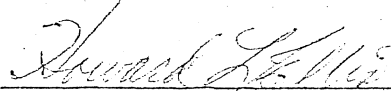
These rates will be effective for natural gas service rendered on and after February 2, 1981.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana on February 2, 1981, by a 5 to 0 vote.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman



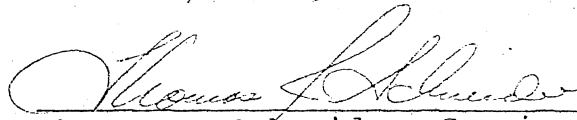
Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner



John B. Driscoll, Commissioner

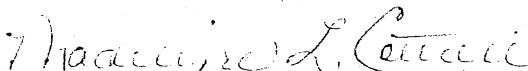


Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner



Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Madeline L. Cottrill
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806, ARM.